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## **Council Report**

**February 4, 2011** 

The annual Dare to Bear - Polar Bear Skate is tonight (February 4<sup>th</sup>), 7-8:30 pm. More than 13,000 skaters have already enjoyed the ice at Riverside Skating Center this winter.

West Lafayette was awarded a "Put the Trees Back" urban forestry grant of \$2,000 (the maximum amount) by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. The grant will provide for three elm trees to be planted in Cumberland Park, to provide additional shade for the Farmers Market, and approximately 15 oak and hickory trees to be planted in Celery Bog Nature Area, as part of the annual Arbor Day celebration.

A Purdue Communications class is working to produce 10 educational posters for the kiosks along the trails network. A similar project last year provided excellent, kiosk posters.

Anyone interested in registering for winter/spring recreational classes and programs (several opportunities are still available), reserving shelters (in Cumberland or Happy Hollow Parks), or renting meeting rooms (in Lilly Nature, Morton Community, or Riverside Skating Centers) should call 775-5110 or 775-5120 or visit <a href="https://www.westlafayette.in.gov/parks">www.westlafayette.in.gov/parks</a>.

The next Park Board meeting will be February 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM in City Hall.